



Reentry in Washington, DC

Presented by
Court Services and Offender Supervision
Agency for the District of Columbia

Who We Are



CSOSA Director, Nancy Ware

- CSOSA is an independent federal agency created by the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997
- CSOSA has the operational responsibilities for Probation, Parole, and Supervised Release within the District of Columbia

Mission

- The mission of CSOSA is to increase public safety, prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice in close collaboration with the community
- CSOSA works to reduce rearrests, improve education levels, increase employment rates, and reduce drug use among the population it serves
- Pursuing these goals requires strategic coordination between CSOSA, other government agencies, and community-based organizations through three stages of reentry — prison, transition, and community integration

Overall Offender Profile - October 31, 2014

- Offender Population – 12,980
- Age:
 - Average Age: 38
 - 29 years old or less: 32%
 - 56 years old or more: 12%
- Ethnicity
 - Black Non-Hispanic: 90%
 - White Non-Hispanic: 4%
 - Hispanic: 4%
- Gender
 - Male: 84%
- Education
 - Less than HS/GED: 34%
- Marital Status
 - Single: 79%
 - Married/Common-Law: 10%
 - Separated/Divorced: 7%
- Employment Status
 - Employed: 48%
- Supervision Type
 - Parole: 13%
 - Probation: 52%
 - Supervised Release: 30%

Stage 1 – Prison

Faith Based Mentoring

- In 2004 CSOSA began a pilot program using videoconference technology to deliver faith-based mentoring services to individual male offenders incarcerated at Rivers Correctional Institution
- The Faith Based Mentoring program matches mentors from the District of Columbia's faith community with men and women returning home from prison



Community Resource Day

- CSOSA works closely with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to conduct Community Resource Day (CRD) videoconferences for DC inmates that are within 90 days of release
- The purpose of CRD is to provide DC inmates preparing for release with information about critical resources and services available to them upon their return home
- CRD began at Rivers Correctional Institution in 2005 and has expanded through the use of videoconferencing technology to reach 28 facilities
- Presenters include non-profits, government agencies, community partners, and faith based institutions who present information to the inmates who then have the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers





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Community Resource Day Videoconference

with

Rivers Correctional Institution (43), FCI McDowell (14),
FCI McKean(11), FCI McCreary(11), FCI Ray Brook (4), FCI Otisville(2),
FPC Alderson(3), FCC Tuscon (3), FCC Victorville (2), FCI Fairton(45),
USP Canaan(70), FDC Philadelphia(8), FCI Schuylkill(28),
FCC Allenwood(20), MDC Brooklyn(4), FCI Danbury(1), SFF Hazelton (14),
USP Hazelton (20), FMC Lexington (6), FCI Manchester (9),
FCI Cumberland (25), USP Beaumont (1), FCI Beaumont (4),
FCI Edgefield (12), FCI Estill (3), FCI Williamsburg (7), FCI Gilmer (10),
FCI Butner II (6)

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

Release Planning & Supervision

9:00 – 9:10 am

Transitional Interventions for Parole Supervision Chandra Miller,
Supervisory Community Supv. Officers

9:10 – 9:20 am

Community Supervision Jamie Gwinn,
Community Supervision Officer

9:20 – 9:30 am

United States Parole Commission Steve Nasko, Case Analyst

U.S. Department of Justice Wendy Pohlhaus, Executive Assistant
U.S. Attorney for External Affairs

U.S. Bureau of Prisons William K. Cimino,
Reentry Affairs Administrator

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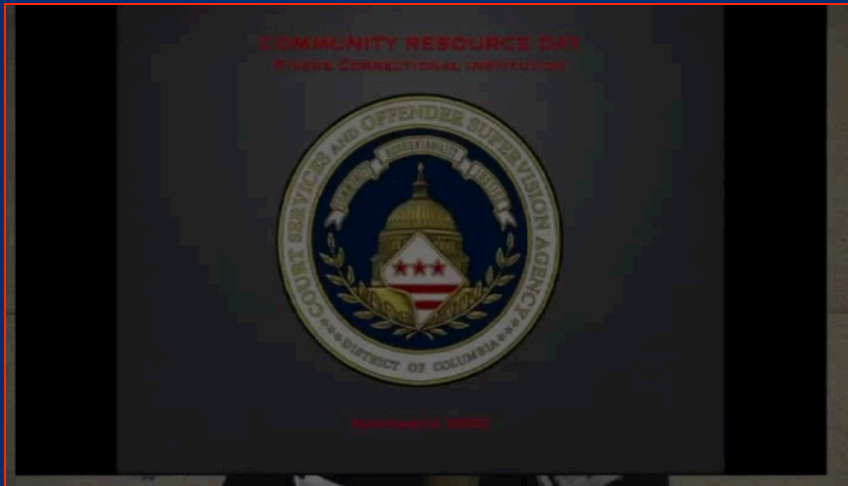
CRD Videoconference

June 30th, 2015

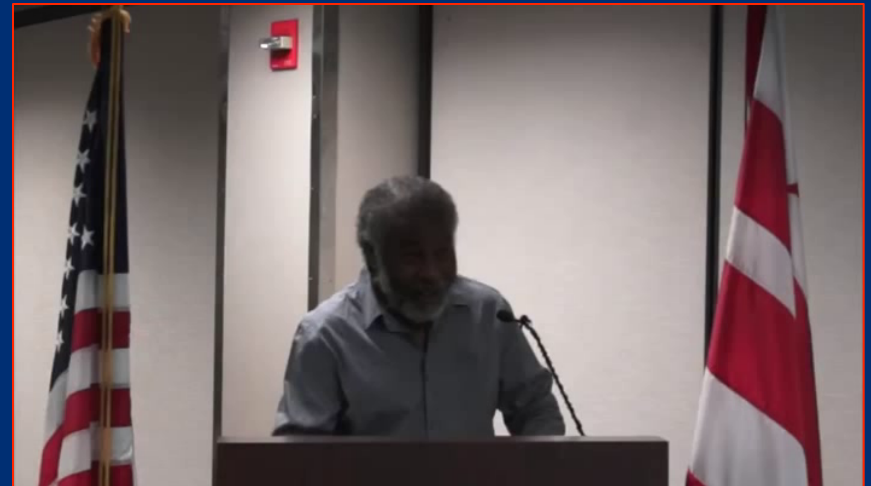
- CRD is organized into 8 segments:
 - Release Planning and Supervision
 - Family Strengthening and Support
 - Education
 - Employment Readiness, Training and Placement
 - Health Care
 - Housing
 - Previously Incarcerated Peoples Partnerships
 - Faith Community Partnerships

Community Resource Day Clips

CRD 2005



CRD 2015



Family Reunification Videoconference

- Since 1998, Hope House has been working to strengthen the bonds between children and their imprisoned fathers
- Hope House had a partnership with the Rivers Correctional Institution
- CSOSA began an initiative, in partnership with Hope House. On January 29th, 2014, we launched the Family Reunification Videoconference Initiative with SFF Hazelton
- The purpose is to connect female DC inmates with their minor children.
- Currently 10 inmates and their families are participating



Capital Area Asset Builders (CAAB)

Money Management 101 Course

- CSOSA has established a partnership with CAAB and will launch a pilot program at FCI McDowell on September 30th
- CAAB will offer it's Money Management 101 Course to 12 DC inmates
- The goal of the course is to enable participants to take charge of their financial future
- Course objectives include:
 - Helping participants understand the relationship between money, wealth and financial independence
 - Providing participants with information and tools to help them understand their relationship with money and how to manage it better
 - Assisting participants in developing habits that will enable them to control their spending so they can save for tomorrow
 - Educating them about their rights as a consumer and how to exercise those rights



Social Services Town Hall Meeting

- In February 2014, CSOSA began discussions with the Director of the DC Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA)
- On April 30, 2014 we conducted the first Social Services Town Hall Videoconference
- Panel presentation included representatives from CFSA, the DC Department of Employment Services, Department of Behavioral Health, Department of Human Services, and DC Office on Returning Citizens Affairs
- Following the panel we scheduled individual follow-up consultations for the inmates with agency representatives

Special Event

SOCIAL SERVICES TOWN HALL VIDEOCONFERENCE
for the District of Columbia Women at the
Secure Female Facility at Hazelton, West VA

Wednesday, April 30, 2014
9:00am—10:30am



Panelists from the following DC Agencies will cover critical resources and services available to you and answer your questions:

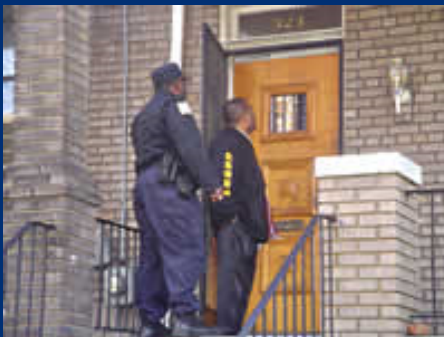
- CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY – Brenda Donald
- DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES – Sonita Lal and Alec Vincent
- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – Delores Mason
- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – Tokeitha Wilson
- OFFICE ON RETURNING CITIZEN AFFAIRS – Lashonia Etheridge-Bey

This event has been produced through a partnership between the
Federal Bureau of Prisons, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA),
and the DC Child and Family Services Agency

Stage 2 - Transition

Transitional Interventions for Parole Supervision (TIPS)

- Responsible for facilitating an inmate's return home
- BOP submits a release plan to CSOSA that includes:
 - Home visit made to assess proposed living arrangement
 - Verification of any proposed employment
- The release plans are then reviewed, and a TIPS report is prepared that includes:
 - Individual substance abuse history
 - Criminal behavior patterns
 - History of violence or aggression
 - Educational or vocational deficits
 - Physical or mental health challenges
 - Housing and employment



Re-entry and Sanctions Center(RSC)

- Mission: to provide intensive assessment and reintegration programming for high risk clients and defendants
- 102-bed facility with six units, including two for mental health and substance abuse disorders and one for women
- Some clients come to the RSC straight from prison. Others are sent to the RSC due to non-compliance on supervision
- RSC provides a 28-day holistic and multi-disciplinary program providing clinical assessments, treatment readiness and behavioral therapy
- Upon completion of the program, most clients are referred to residential or outpatient substance abuse treatment programs



Stage 3 – Community Integration

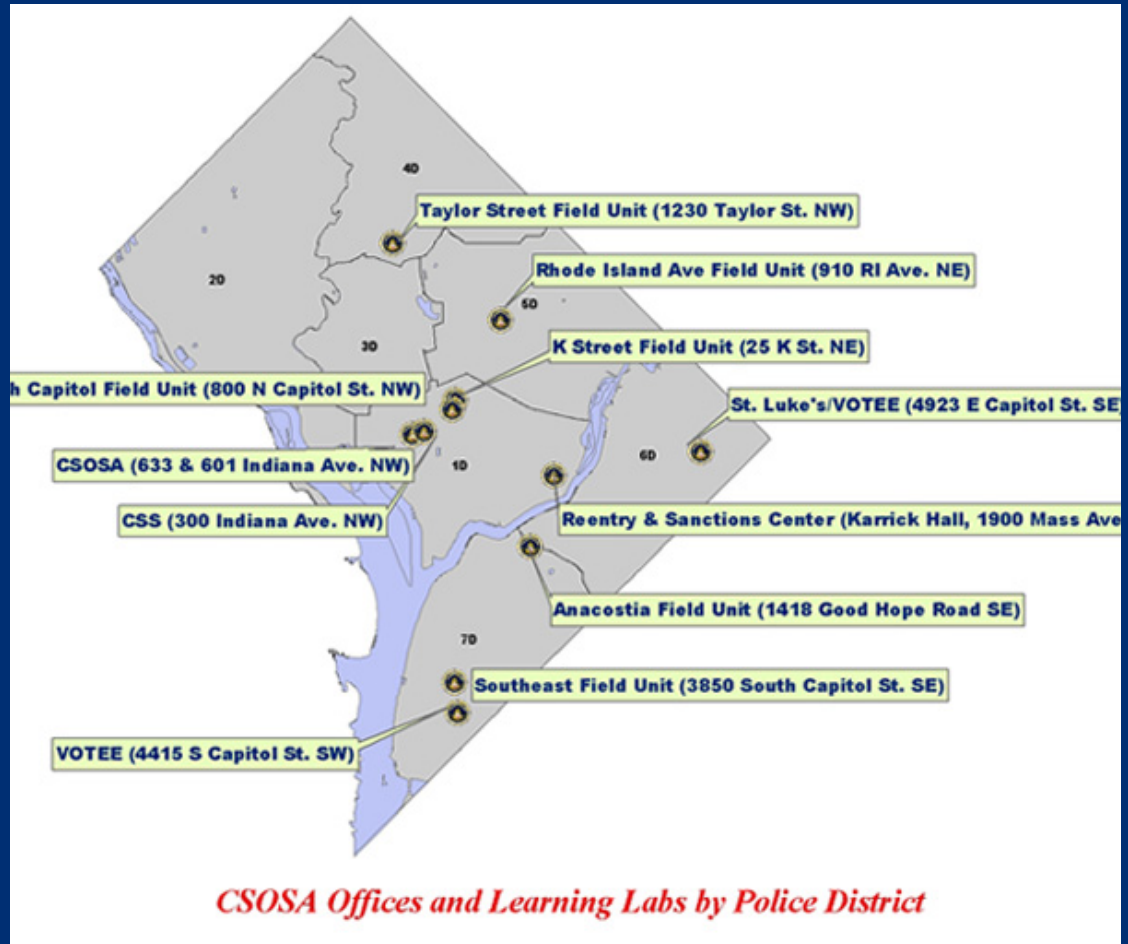
CSOSA Services

- CSOSA emphasizes reentrant accountability and opportunity through:
 - Risk and needs assessment
 - Close supervision
 - Treatment and support services
 - Community-based supports



CSOSA Field Offices

- Community Supervision Officers meet with clients at field offices spread throughout the city
- Community partners also deliver services and support at CSOSA field offices
- Some field offices host illegal substance collection units and Learning Labs
- Local elected officials sometimes hold community meetings at our field offices



Risk and Needs Assessment

- CSOSA Screener and Case Planning
- CSOSA assesses each reentrant's risk to the community and social needs. The results of the assessment comprise a supervision plan intended to guide the reentry process
 - Clients sign an Accountability Contract
 - A risk level is assigned that guides supervision contacts
 - Referrals are made to resource and service providers
 - Sanctions and incentives are used in response to client performance

Treatment and Support Services

- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Reentry and Sanctions Center
- Anger Management Program
- Faith Based Initiative
- Educational and Employment - VOTEE



CSOSA Faith Based Initiative

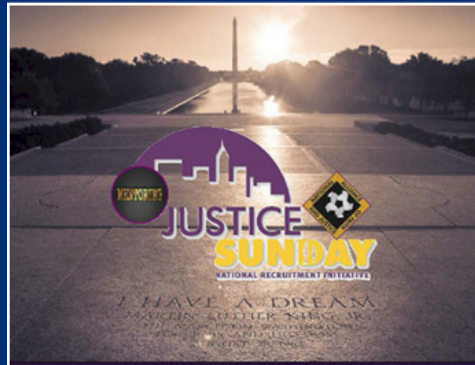
- Mentoring and Special Emphasis Programs
 - Since the Faith Based Initiative began in 2002, 354 faith institutions have been certified as mentor centers, 1,661 community members have been recruited and trained as volunteer mentors and 4,543 clients have been referred to the Faith Based Initiative
 - As of September 30, 2014, 159 faith institutions and 78 mentors were actively engaged with 52 matched clients
 - In 2008, the Initiative expanded to include special emphasis programming such as Family Reunification Groups, Parenting Classes, Women's Relapse Prevention Groups, Job Coaching, and pro-social activities



Partnerships with Agencies

- Mental Health – CSOSA works closely with the DC Department of Behavioral Health to provide services for our clients
- ID – CSOSA established an MOU with the DMV providing for the issuance of non-drivers identification cards to returning citizens
- Housing – CSOSA established an MOU with the DC Housing Authority to enable reentrants to live with family members residing in public housing properties
- Education – CSOSA established an Earn as You Learn program with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education

Reentry Reflection 2015 Events



JUSTICE SUNDAY
NATIONAL RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE

I HAVE A DREAM
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

January 18, 2015




Brighter Day Ministries (2 locations/services)

8:30 am	Congress Heights Campus	421 Alabama Avenue, SE
11:00 am	A.P. Shaw Campus	2525 - 12 th Place, SE

THE D.C. JOB FAIR

RE-ENTER THE WORKFORCE WITH PRIDE


Friday, February 20 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater
1101 Sixth St. SW, Washington D.C. 20024



Meet with many hiring businesses in a single day!


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RETAIL Glant Foods HOSPITALITY DC Central Kitchen Big Bus Tours CONSTRUCTION Capitol Rail Clark Construction at the Wharf	SPECIALTY SERVICES Specialty Hospital Clean Team DC Water Architect of the Capitol ARMED FORCES U.S. Navy	RE-ENTRY RESOURCES DC Jobs Council DC Office of Human Rights Department of Employment Services United Planning Organization Academy of Hope So Others May Eat CSOSA
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Visit www.arenastage.org/jobfair for the most up-to-date information. List of participants subject to change.

M Arena Stage is located just one block from the Waterfront station on the Green line.




THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2015
DOROTHY I. HEIGHT/BENNING LIBRARY
3935 BENNING ROAD NE
6:00PM-8:00PM

I'M HOME- THEY WOULDN'T HIRE ME, WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

The Fair Criminal Record Screening Act
Join us as we discuss the intentions of this act and what it means for those with a criminal record seeking employment. Following the panel discussion, a raffle for Returning Citizens will be held.



Returning
Citizens United
Presents:

In Recognition of
Reentry
Reflections Month

A Returning
Citizens United
and DC Office of
Human Rights
Dialogue

Moderator:
Deborah
Simmons,
Washington
Times Columnist

Special Guest Panelists:
Rahsaan Cordfield
Director of Investigations-
Office on Human Rights

Courtney Stewart
Chair, Reentry Network for
Returning Citizens

Aja Taylor
Community Organizer-Broad
for the City

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WOMEN'S REENTRY SYMPOSIUM 2015

Lifetime Makeover

Families Supporting Supervision Success



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2015
8:30AM—3:00PM

THE TEMPLE OF PRAISE
Bishop Glen A. Staples, Th.D., D.Min., D.D.
Senior Pastor & Prelate
700 Southern Avenue, SE
Washington, DC

Reentry Reflection Citywide Assembly



Each year, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency and our faith community partners present Reentry Reflection, a series of events to raise awareness about reentry. Please join us at the Citywide Reentry Assembly for fellowship, conversation, and celebration.

CITYWIDE REENTRY ASSEMBLY

Thursday, February 19, 2015
Kellogg Conference Center
Gallaudet University
800 Florida Avenue, NE
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Learn more about Reentry Reflection 2015 events at:
www.csoea.gov



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Questions?

